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**Papists Care of Protestants, or,  
A Short Hint of Popish Treatment,**

*Out of the Records of the most Famous Reverent Ministers of  
the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*A Caution to all British Protestants not to Trust them.*

**B**Eing invaded by a French Power at this time, which threatens the Destruction of the Protestant Reformed Religion, and to spoil us of all our Liberties, Properties, Possessions, and whatsoever is Dear and Desirable to us both as Men and Christians; which consequently will Issue in bringing us and our Posterity under most intollerable Slavery and Miseries; Surely all who pretend to be Sacredly engaged by their Baptismal Covenant to own and defend the Principals of the Protestant Reformed Religion, should be Alarmed to shake off Lukewarmness and Neutrality at this Juncture of cloudy, Clamant Providences: It is not a time now to entertain any Resentments on the account of Mistakes, or Differences about lesser matters, but sinking them all in forgetfulness to be only intent and concern'd about our present imminent Dangers, how to prevent and avoid them, for it is such a shock that at this instant, we must either do or die; We should not only Repent of our Sins, amend our Ways, and with deepest Humility cry aloud to GOD Almighty for his seasonable and Effectual Help; But likewise all persons should in a Lawful Warrantable way put to their helping-hand by uniting their Counsels, and Forces against this Cruel Common Enemy: We wish People would seriously consider that fearful Passage, *Judges 5. 23. Curse ye Meroz* (said the Angel of the LORD) *Curse ye Bitterly the Inhabitants thereof, because they come not up to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the Mighty,* which plainly Imports that they are culpable and very defective in their duty towards GOD's Cause and Interests, His Church, and People, who upon any pretence how plausible soever lye by from Joyning against the professed Enemy of GOD and His People: We think it not amiss also to suggest that such detestable, base Neutralists [at such a time as this, do break their Allegiance and Duty to our Gracious Sovereign! Queen Anne, whose Rightful Authority, and Government, all Her Subjects are Sacredly obliged to maintain and defend.

We might use a great many Motives and Arguments, to excite people to this seasonable Duty at this time, but shall only offer to consideration what Barbarities and Cruelties we may expect from a French power if it should prevail, (which GOD in His infinite Mercy forbid) by instancing some pieces of the inhumane savage Persecutions of the present French King upon his own Native Subjects, and we can have no ground of Security, but that we shall come under the like cruel Treatment, We will hereunto add a few instances of Irish Barbarities against Protestants, in that famous Rebellion in the days of our Fathers, and we think fit to do so, because there are Irishes upon this Descent with the French and other Popish Zealots.

The instances with respect to the French here Narrated, are Transcribed from a printed account of the Persecutions, and Oppressions of the French Protestants, printed 1686. Pag. 19. 20. 21. After a particular Narrative of the Dragoons consuming their Provisions, Pillaging their Houses, Spoiling them of their Jewels, Money, Rings, &c. And whatever was valuable, next they fell upon their persons most Barbarously, amidst a thousand Hideous Crys and Blasphemyes, they hung Men and Women by the Hair or Feet, on the Roofs of the Chambers or Chimney-hooks, and Smok'd them with Wisps of wet Hay, till they were no longer able to bear it, and then when they had taken them down, if they would not sign an Abjuration of [the Protestant Religion, they immediately



hung them up again, they threw them into great Fires kindled on purpose, and pulled them not out till they were half Roasted: They tied Ropes under their Arms, and plunged them to and again in Wells, from whence they would not take them till they promised to change their Religion, they Tied them as they do Criminals put to the Question, and in this Posture with a Funnel filled with Wine, poured it down their Throats, till the Fumes of it depriving them of their Reason, they made them say they would be content to be Catholics: They stript them Naked, and stuck them with Pins from the Top to the Bottom, they cut them with Penknives, and sometimes with Red-hot pincers took them by the Nose, and dragged them about their Houses: They beat them with Staves, and dragged them all Bruised to the Churches, they held them from Sleeping seven or eight days, reliving one another to watch them Night and Day, till they lost their Senses, if they found any Sick or Diseased, keeping their Bed, they ordered twelve Drums to sound Alarm about their Beds, for whole Weeks together without intermission. In some places they tied Fathers and Husbands to Bed-posts, and before their Eyes forced their Wives and Daughters, in other places Rapes were committed publicly for many Hours together, they plucked off the Nails from the Fingers of some, and Toes of others, they Burnt the Feet of others: They blew up Men and Women with Bellows till they were ready to Burst, &c.

In the *Irish* Massacre, seven *Irishes* rushed into Mr. *Atkinson's* House, whom first they Murdered, then they dragged his Wife big with Child, out of her Bed-chamber, and Adulterously satisfied their Lusts upon her, then they cut up her Belly, and threw the Birth into the Fire, &c. *Patrick Dunston* had his Wife abused before his Eyes, his Children were roasted on a slow fire, all his Servants were slain, then they made a Victim of himself to their insatiable cruelty, cutting off his Nose, Ears and Cheeks, then they plucked out his Tongue, and thrust a glowing Iron down his throat, and dissected his Body into pieces *Charles Davenant* and his Wife was tied fast to chairs with Ropes, that they might see their two Children spitted and roasted, the youngest being seven years old, then his Wife was laid on the ground, and had her throat cut, and he himself to close the Scene was more cruelly murdered. Mr. *Blantry* a Minister, in the sight of his Wife and Children was hung up upon a Beam, and piece-meal his Flesh was minch'd off, his bones made bare, that in appearance he was made like a Skeleton, &c. *Vide, Alsted. Chronol. Persecut. page 352, 353.*

As we have proposed the Premises to deter from Indifferency and Refractoriness to join against the Common Enemy, so we end this Paper with one consideration more proposed to those who have any disposition to embark with a Popish Rebellious party, 'tis strange where the Temptation of such Lyes, they have no provocations either from Oppressions or any manner of Hardships from the present Government, which is most Easy and Indulgent, if not to an Excess of Lenity, nor was there ever a Government under which Good Men and Loyal Subjects might Live in a greater Peace and Prosperity: They seem insatuated to a degree, who would run the hazard of exchanging *British* Laws, Liberty and Peace, and also the Protestant Religion for French Tyranny, Slavery, and Arbitrary Government, with black Popery to the boot. It is further considerable here, that if a *French* power should prevail (which GOD of his infinite Mercy prevent) in all likelihood the *French* King would care very little either for the pretended Prince of Wales, the *Jacobites*, or *Episcopalians*, but would very readily make a province of *Britain*, and the Dominions thereto belonging to one of his Grand-children, as he hath done of *Spain* already. contrary to his most Solemn Oaths and Engagements, so that it were just with GOD, such Madcaps should pay for their folly, in being left of Him fatally to rush into such desperate Adventures, as even if succeeding (which GOD avert) would ruin themselves and their posterity to all Intents and purposes. Whoso is wise, will we hope ponder the short hint that we have given. We shall conclude with the Psalmist, *Psal. 68. v. 1. Let GOD arise, let His Enemies be scattered, let them also that hate Him flee before Him. Amen, yea and Amen.*

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